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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD EPAP SENV PP

SUBJ: PROPOSED REGULATION ON PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION OF

PAPUA NEW GUINEA CROCODILE HIDES

REF: A) PORT MORESBY 0705, B) PORT MORESBY 0779

1. UNDP HAS BECOME INTERESTED IN PROPOSED US REGULATION PROHIBITING IMPORTATION OF PNG CROCODILE SKINS BECAUSE UNDP HAS FINANCED CONSIDERABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE BUILDUP OF THE PNG CROCODILE INDUSTRY.

2. UNDP RESREP HAS TOLD US THAT UNDP ADVISOR ON CROCODILE HIDE MARKETING, RONAL BOWEY, IS GOING TO WASHINGTON TO ASSIST PNG AMBASSADOR IN PRESENTATION OF CASE TO US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. BOWEY HAS ADVOCATED HIRING US LAWYERS AND LOBBYISTS TO HELP PREPARE CASE, AND UNDP IS CONSIDERING ADVISABILITY OF PRESSING GPNG TO PROVIDE NECESSARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HIRE THEM.

3. RESREP HAS ASKED OUR ADVICE ON THIS MATTER. WE ARE TELLING HIM THAT WE BELIEVE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CORCODILE SKINS AND EXPERTISE ON DEVELOPING CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN LEGAL OR LOBBYING KNOWLEDGE. HOWEVER, IF STATE/INTERIOR BELIEVE OTHERWISE, WE WILL GO BACK TO RESREP. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER AMBASSADOR MATANE HAS APPROACHED STATE/INTERIOR ON THIS QUESTION.

5. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT CURTAILMENT OF PNG EXPORTS
OF CROCODILE HIDES TO US WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN
HERE. WE ARE GIVING PNG NO ECONOMIC AID, AND IT WOULD
BE UNFORTUNATE IF WE RESTRICT OUR IMPORTS OF A GROWING
PNG EXPORT.
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